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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
Security Committee

DCI/IC 77-1934/1
2 November 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy to the DCI for the
Intelligence Community

FROM:

[Redacted]
Acting Chairman

SUBJECT: Establishment of the Interagency Telephone
Laboratory (U)

1. (U) Attached for your signature is a memorandum to the DCI forwarding for his signature a proposed letter to the Director of the FBI. This is in response to Mr. Kelley's letter notifying of the Interagency Telephone Laboratory (ITL).

2. (U) The ITL was established by the FBI at the request of the Security Committee's Technical Surveillance Countermeasures Subcommittee (TSCS). Because it performs a vital telephone testing and analysis service for the entire Intelligence Community, it seems fitting that the DCI should acknowledge its existence and the role played by the FBI in its establishment.

3. (U) It is recommended that you sign the attached memorandum to the DCI.

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Memo to DCI

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: John N. McMahon
Acting Deputy to the DCI for the
Intelligence Community

SUBJECT: Establishment of the Interagency Telephone
Laboratory (U)

1. (U) Action Requested: That you sign the attached proposed letter to the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

2. (U) Background: The attached letter is in response to one sent to you, dated 26 October 1977, from Mr. Kelley advising of the establishment of the Interagency Telephone Laboratory (ITL). In May 1976, the Chairman of the Security Committee requested the FBI to accept the role of Executive Agent and authorize the necessary resources to establish and operate an ITL on a continuing basis. The request was predicated upon the fact that the Intelligence Community was without a technical capability to support their continuing assessment of the security threat posed by commercial telephone systems. Without this support, the Community cannot keep pace with the technological complexity of new telephone equipment and systems, nor can they be assured that the countermeasures state-of-the-art stays abreast of the hostile threat. The Community considered the FBI uniquely qualified because of its expertise in this area. The Director of the FBI responded on 28 July 1976, advising that he was pleased to undertake this task and that appropriate action had been initiated. The laboratory is now an operational element of the Security Committee's Technical Surveillance Countermeasures Subcommittee (TSCS).

3. (U) Recommendation: It is recommended that you sign the attached letter of acknowledgement to Mr. Kelley.

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John N. McMahon

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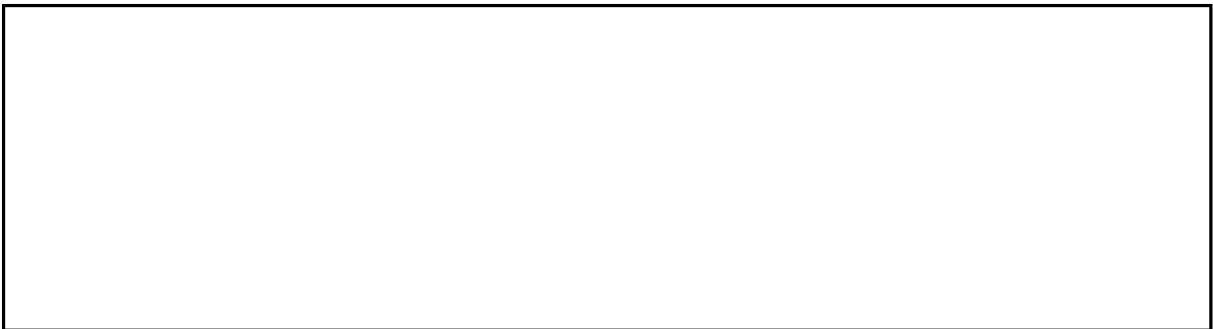
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The Honorable Clarence M. Kelley
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Kelley:

(U) Thank you for your letter of 26 October 1977 advising me that the services of the Interagency Telephone Laboratory (ITL) are now available to the Intelligence Community.

(U) As you know, the Community has been without such a facility for several years now, and I am pleased that once again we have the capability to perform these vital technical assessments of the security threats posed by commercial telephone systems utilized throughout the world.



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(U) Thank you for your continued interest and participation in matters of interest to the Security Committee and the Community.

Yours sincerely,

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